

County Executive's Report to Commission

12-9-13

1. Veteran Service Office position has been advertised in the Roane County News this week. We will be accepting resumes for the next several weeks.
2. The Knoxville News Sentinel reported Sunday that the Whitestone Country Inn could be donated to a non-profit ministry. Hobby Lobby purchased the Inn about a year ago. If all real and personal property is exempted from tax, the loss is approximately \$40,000 of which approximately \$20,000 will be education funds.
3. The PILOT Agreement in Roane County has been studied the last several months and it appears that currently Roane County has four companies with PILOT with a total tax levy of approximately \$550,000 with taxes paid of \$261,213 (about 48%) with abatement of \$288,223 (about 52%). Some data has been estimated due to personal property not having current data.
4. Ambulance Department financials are creating concern due to: 1) reduced run numbers and 2) billing services. The county will be bidding out a new service billing provider within the next month. The reduced runs cannot be controlled nor at this time can the county reduce the number of available ambulances. The county has four (4) 24-hour ambulances and, at various times, still goes to Code 0 which means no ambulances are available for service. We along with the Ambulance Department will continue to monitor but we are concerned about the financials going forward.
5. Merry Christmas to all.